

## General Assembly

## Raised Bill No. 5123

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: (ENV)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF ANIMALS SEIZED IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 22-329a of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2012):
- 4 (i) If the court vests ownership of the animal in the Commissioner of
- 5 Agriculture or a municipality, the commissioner or the municipality
- 6 may conduct or participate in a public auction of the animal under
- 7 such conditions the commissioner or the municipality deems necessary
- 8 or the commissioner or the municipality may consign the animal to an
- 9 auction or sell the animal through an open advertised bid process
- 10 whereby bid price and demonstration of sufficient knowledge and
- ability to care for such animal are factors for the commissioner's or
- 12 municipality's consideration. All moneys collected from the sale of
- animals sold by the Commissioner of Agriculture through such open
- 14 advertised bid process shall be deposited in the "animal abuse cost
- 15 recovery account" established in subsection (j) of this section. All
- 16 moneys collected from the sale of animals sold by a municipality

- 17 through such open advertised bid process shall be deposited by the
- 18 town treasurer or other fiscal officer in the town's general fund. [In a
- 19 case where rehabilitative or special care of such animal is required,
- 20 the] The commissioner or the municipality may also vest ownership of
- 21 <u>any</u> such animal in an individual or a public or private nonprofit
- 22 animal rescue or adoption organization. [which annually places ten or
- 23 more animals in private homes as pets.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2012	22-329a(i)

**ENV** Joint Favorable